

Abstract

An H.323 or SIP connection is set up from a source network (LAN1) via at least one packet-oriented transit network (WAN1, WAN2) to a connection destination (EG2) which is external to the source network. The connection is set up via gateway devices (GW1,...,GW4) which are cascaded between networks and respectively manage only access to gateway devices and communication devices which are logically directly adjacent. In this context, H.323 connection setup signaling (SET1,...,SET4) is conveyed, using logical address information (030-222) or sections thereof (030, 030-2), from gateway device to gateway device until it reaches the connection destination (EG2).